

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

WILLIAMS, JR. ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 2165

Application No. 10/811,044

Examiner: HICKS, Michael J

Confirmation No. 9536

Filing Date: March 27, 2004

For: Bypassing Native Storage Operations  
By Communicating Protected Data  
Within Locking Messages Using a  
Lock Manager Independent of the  
Storage Mechanism

**AMENDMENT C**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action dated July 9, 2008, and the references cited have been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.